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INCORPORATION ORDINANCE

Bill With Amendments Receives Its Second Reading by the Yukon Council Yesterday—Wilson Memorial to Ottawa Finally Passes and Will Be Forwarded at Once.

The Yukon council met in the council chamber yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the express purpose of proceeding to its second reading the bill providing for the incorporation of the city of Dawson. For the first time in several months all the members of the council were in their seats, Regisseur Girouard coming in late in the session. The body sat until half past 5 and then the second reading of the bill not having been finished an adjournment was taken until 8 o'clock in the evening. At the evening session the ordinance was again taken up. Upon its completion with such amendments as were made, Mr. Newlands moved its reading as amended the second time. Carried. On the question by the commissioner that the bill should be read a third time and receive its final passage Mr. Newlands moved the third reading to take place at the next regular meeting of the council. The commissioner stated that it was his intention to call a special meeting of the council for a very few days and suggested that the third reading of the bill and its final passage be taken up at that time, it being understood that the delay was taken in response to the request from a committee from the citizens' meeting held Friday evening and in order to allow the voters assembled in the mass meeting to pass an opinion upon the many provisions the bill contains. After adjournment on Monday evening the commissioner stated he did not know the precise date upon which he would call the special meeting, but that it would be soon after the citizens' mass meeting, as was practicable—probably Friday or Saturday. As far as is known the bill will pass as it now stands amended. Then it will rest with the people of the city as to whether Dawson will incorporate or not. In the event to be held to decide that question should the decision be in the affirmative nominations will at once take place for mayor and aldermen and another election will be held to elect upon the choice of the people. In the event of incorporation being voted down it is presumed the commissioner will appoint the commission of three to care for the city's affairs as provided in part 3 of the incorporation ordinance.

Prior to taking up the incorporation bill at the afternoon session the commissioner replied to the very pointed questions put at him Friday last by Councilman Wilson concerning the liquor traffic, permits, the future policy of the government concerning such, and the cost of construction of certain roads and trails. The first two of the questions asked were:

1. Can the commissioner state if the government intends to continue for another year the system of issuing liquor permits in this territory?

2. If so, does the commissioner intend to pursue the same policy of restriction in regard to the number of permits to be issued?

To both of which the commissioner stated that he could not say whether or not the law would be changed. Ottawa is now being asked for power to deal with the question by local legislation.

Query 3. Has the commissioner or the government promised the present holders of permits a renewal for the next year?

To this the commissioner replied that he had not made any such promise and also that the federal government could not either have made such as it would have no power to carry out any agreement of that nature without a change in the act.

Query 4. Is it the policy of the commissioner or the government to allow the liquor trade in this territory to be controlled by a few?

Reply—"So long as the law stands as it is," said the commissioner, "there must be some limit to the number of wholesale licenses granted, but such restrictions only would be made as are calculated to be in the best interests of the territory and of those interested."

The last two queries embraced in the list were:

5. What was the relative cost per mile of the trail from the mouth of Quartz creek to Eureka creek and of the trail made from West Dawson to the Fortymile district?

6. What was the total amount expended in each case?

Reply—"As to the cost of the Eureka creek road, it is 21 miles long and cost $5242, or per mile approximately $250. The cost of the Fortymile wagon road, 48¼ miles, was $15,988, or nearly $242 per mile. These figures both include engineer's expenses and expenses of location."

The private bill of the Northern Commercial Company came up asking for the ratification of certain acts already performed and the further privilege of extending their system of fire protection and the laying of steam pipes across streets and alleys. Respecting the ordinance the committee on private bills, to whom the bill had been referred, submitted the following report:

"To the Commissioner in Council:

"Your committee on private bills, to which was referred the petition of the Northern Commercial Company, praying that its acts in laying steam and water pipes along the streets and alleys of the town of Dawson be confirmed, and that the company be granted the privilege of laying further and other steam and water pipes along the streets of Dawson as it may deem requisite or necessary, begs to report that as there is nothing unreasonable asked for in the petition, and that as the object of the bill conveying them this right is not for gain but simply that the petitioners should be allowed the privilege for the purpose of fire protection, your committee recommends that the petition be granted and that the rules respecting the advertising of private bills and the payment of fees be suspended, and that the petitioners be compelled to pay simply the cost of printing the ordinance."

To the proposition that the bill be read a second time at the next regular meeting of the council, Councilman Prudhomme considered that the council could not be too conservative in the matter of granting franchises. He was unaware of the provisions of the franchise and thought the matter entitled to a little more consideration. The commissioner stated that any amendemnt desired might be made when the bill was being coning considered by the committee of the whole.

The bill providing for the appointment of commissioners for the purpose of taking affidavits outside the territory was given its second reading.

The amendment to the ordinance affecting physicians which Mr. Wilson had presented at the last meeting of the council came up, the father of the bill expressing a desire to make a statement concerning it before it was further proceeded with. Mr. Wilson frankly admitted introducing the bill for the purpose of assisting a Canadian physician who had graduated from an American college, but he was now aware that the ordinance went further than he intended it should and he asked permission to withdraw his amendment for the purpose of submitting another at a later date. The incorporation bill was next taken up, preceding its reading Mr. Newlands making a lengthy statement concerning some of its most important provisions. It rested with the voters and with them alone as to whether or not the city should be incorporated and an attempt made to govern themselves through the services of mayor and six aldermen, or be governed by a commission of three members to be appointed by the commissioner of the territory. The selection of aldermen it was considered advisable to be made from the city at large instead of apportioning off the town into wards. The question of whom should be entitled to the franchise had proven a vexing one and the provisions of the bill pertaining to that point had been somewhat changed since the original draft had been submitted. As first drawn the bill had conferred the franchise only on those whose names were to be found on the last assessment roll. The municipal committee to whom the bill had been referred after its first reading had decided that for obvious reasons the restrictions imposed were too great. Many who were clearly entitled to vote would not be enabled to simply because their names were not on the tax list. Then, too, the unincorporated town of Dawson as it now stands does not embrace all the land which will be taxed under the act. The amendments to the bill recommended by the municipal committee and which were finally accepted and made a part of the act are as follows:

Your municipal committee to which was referred the bill respecting the incorporation of Dawson, beg to recommend:

1. That section 6 be amended so as to extend the property qualifications for mayor and aldermen in the city council to persons who possess personal property or income to the amount of $3,000.

2. (a) That section 14, respecting the qualifications of voters, be amended to provide that householders who pay at least $200 a year rent, and residents who are in receipt of an income of at least $1,800 and who have lived in the town of Dawson at least six months, shall be allowed to vote.

(b) That persons with sufficient property qualifications to vote who were resident outside of the unincorporated town of Dawson upon which the last assessment was made, but who now reside within the limits of the town as defined by ordinance No. 41, 1901, enacted since the last assessment, be permitted to vote.

Mr. Newlands also dwelt at considerable length upon the question of extending the franchise to aliens, and for many reasons he did not approve of it. Conditions in the Yukon were not at all analagous to the Northwest territories where aliens are permitted to vote upon municipal affairs. It was pointed out that aliens here have every privilege accorded British subjects except that of participating in elections and holding office. Reference was also made as to the powers of the city to borrow money which by the bill is limited to a fixed percentage of the revenues of the city.

Upon the council going into a committee of the whole on the bill some discussion was indulged in between Mr. Wilson and Justice Dugas as to the qualification clauses. The former insisted that a candidate be enabled to qualify even though his name did not appear on the assessment roll, while the latter declared that for a qualification to be bona fide it should have been in existence for some time previous. The commissioner and Mr. Prudhomme also express their views upon the qualification clauses, Mr. Wilson moving that such proscribed as being necessary for the candidate for the office of mayor be reduced from $2000 to $1500 and that for aldermen from $1000 to $750, but the motion failed to carry.

Another amendment proposed by Mr. Wilson was the striking out of the words "and has fully paid his taxes," that being in the bill as a requisite before one may vote.

"I consider that clause goes too far," said he, "and I think a man should be allowed to vote whether he has paid his taxes or not. If he owns property that is taxable it is certainly good for the taxes assessed against it and the owner of it should be entitled to vote.

Justice Dugas—"The bill as it now stands is a protection for the city in the matter of the payment of taxes."

Mr. Wilson—"I must disagree with my honorable friend. It may be at the time the taxes are due a man may not be in a position to pay them, yet that is no reason why he should be deprived of his vote.

Mr. Prudhomme—"Such an arrangement creates all kinds of trouble and should not be enforced. That is now entirely done away with in some of the provinces—Ontario, for instance."

The commissioner called attention to the fact that any municipality may

Mr. Wilson's motion to strike out the words mentioned failed by a vote of 3 to 2, two of the members not voting.

The qualifications of voters as to taxable property, etc., was reduced from $300 to $200.

A question came up as to the marking of ballots. The ballots will contain all the names of the candidates and those for whom a vote is intended will be marked by a cross. In case there are two candidates for mayor a mark for more than one will invalidate the vote. The same is true if more than six aldermen are voted for.

Mr. Wilson suggested as all the city officers were given euphonious titles it would be well to change that of secretary-treasurer to either city clerk or clerk of the municipal council.

Upon the question of penalty provided for bribery Justice Dugas considered the fine not severe enough. The amount which may be imposed was changed from $100 to $500.

In regard to effecting of a temporary loan by the council of a sum not exceeding 50 per cent. of the taxes due for the current year the commissioner stated that the percentage should be increased to 75. Agreed.

The sections providing for the protection of human life in public buildings from fire was discussed. Justice Dugas giving it as his opinion that the council should not pass any bill inconsistent with ordinances already in force passed by the Yukon council.

Following the completion of the second reading of the incorporation bill, which was not finished until the evening session, the private bill of the N. C. Co. was again up for its third reading and was passed. In speaking of it the commissioner stated he looked with great favor upon the work which the company had done, a large sum of money having been expended by them as a protection from fire which was not only a benefit to themselves but the entire city as well.

Messrs. Prudhomme and Wilson also expressed their approval and the bill passed without a dissenting voice.

The ordinance respecting the appointment of commissioners for administering oaths outside the territory was given its third reading and passed.

The Wilson memorial to Ottawa which was introduced at the last regular meeting of the council came up for its second reading. Before its final passage the commissioner made a most forcible and convincing address upon the territory in general and the relief prayed for in the memorial then on the table. Reference was made to the desirability of having a member from the Yukon in parliament and the commissioner expressed his hope that we would soon tune to ask for such and he considerbe given two members. As for wholly responsible government he did not believe the time was opported it useless to request it of Ottawa. An entire elective council is not approved of but will doubtless be accepted later on; perhaps at the end of the term of the present elective members. It is also desired that the local council alone should have the power to pass ordinances here. As it now is the governor general in council may do so. Let them delegate to us that sole right and still possess the power to veto any bill should we excede our authority. Due reference was made to the schools, roads, hospital appropriations, etc.

"When changes are desired in the regulations such recommendations should be made at the proper time and place and I am sure Ottawa will never turn a deaf ear to any man who has feasible suggestions to make. One thing I consider advisable is the reduction of the fees in the gold commissioner's office; the time has arrived when they should be reduced. The administration of that branch of the government is good and will improve as time goes on. If the gold commissioner or territorial judge have any suggestions to make I am sure the government will be glad to receive them. I hope we may have some new changes to offer this year, but we must make them right. Sometimes when suggestions are improper-

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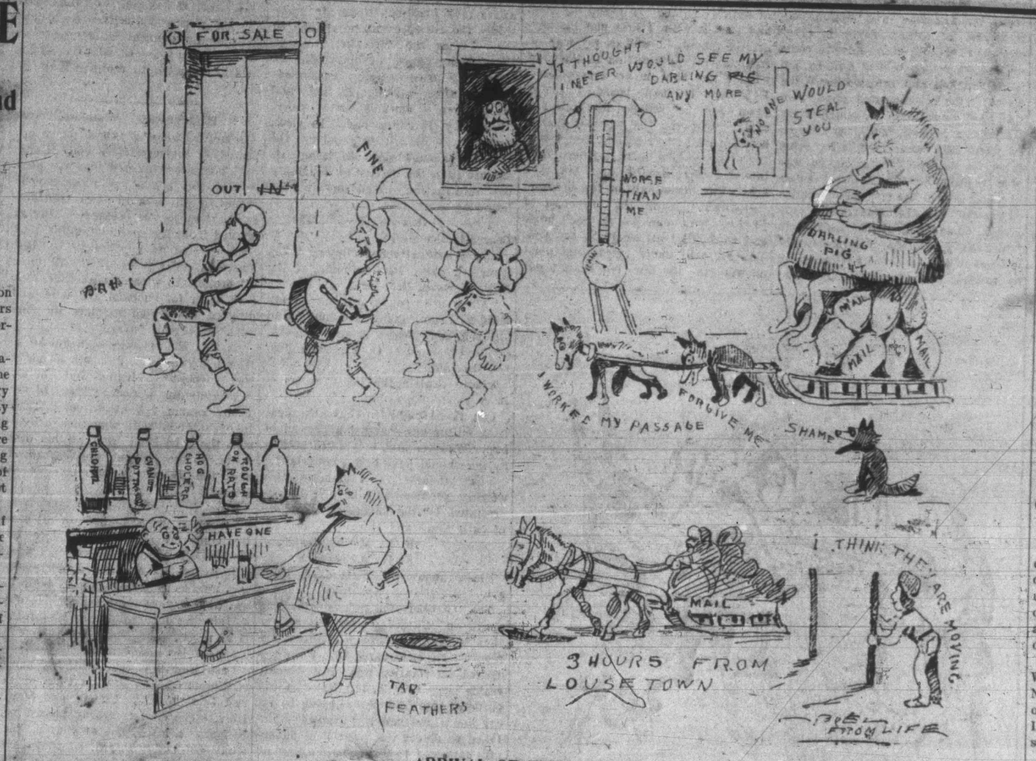

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The perversion of the word "way" to "day" in the above couplet is allowable on this extraordinary occasion for the very good reason that today witnessed the arrival of the first mail to reach Dawson since November 18th, 22 days ago.

"As the devil drags his forked tail
O'er the sands of the deep, blue sea"—

Likewise did two men and a horse drag 800 pounds of mail from Ensley creek to and into Dawson and right up to the very portals of the postoffice today, passing under the wire at 12 o'clock 30 minutes and 12 seconds by the official Waterbury.

The mail that arrived today left Whitehorse in two consignments on November 12th and 15th, respectively, of the present year of our Lord. At Lower Lebarge or Hootalinqua (it is so long ago it is forgotten) the two consignments amalgamated since which time each has been retarding the progress of the other.

The carriers report a hard trip, part of the distance being made in a small boat and a portion of it through mush ice and water waist deep. The worst trail is said to have been encountered between Selkirk and Stewart. From Stewart to Dawson the trail is said to be in fine condition.

So accustomed did the carries become to sleep on the way down that notwithstanding that they reached Ensley yesterday evening and did not leave there for Dawson until 7 o'clock this morning, they went to bed immediately after delivering the mail at the postoffice.

It is not known where the next incoming mail is or whether or not it is north of Lebarge.

Postmaster Hartman and his efficient force hope to have all the mail distributed by 7 o'clock tonight, in which event the general delivery will be open to the public until 9 o'clock.

AUDITORIUM'S GOOD SHOW

"Jim the Westener" Opens to a Packed House.

A big house greeted the Bittner Stock Company at the Auditorium last night in the comedy drama "Jim, the Westerner," the audience giving its heartiest approval to the efforts of the cast and graciously overlooking the fact that at least one of the principals was poor in his lines and handed out cues with a recklessness that discomfited his fellow players. Though not so strong a play as that produced last week, still there is abundant opportunity for clever work, excellent comedy and inspiring climaxes, particularly in the speculator's office in the third act. The scene of the play is laid in New York city and pertains to the rise and fall of the stock in the San Diablo mine, the machinations of a broker who attempts the financial ruination of a heavy holder of San Diablo stock, the pretty love affairs of Jim the Westerner and his pal Harry Lawton, the appearance of Mart Ferris, sheriff, the downfall of the villian and the ultimate triumph of right. Jim, the Westerner is portrayed by Mr. Cummings, his partner in poverty—Harry Lawton—being played by Harry Cummings. Alf Layne is seen in one of his best character parts, the dignified old gentleman, Matthew Lawton. Wm. Mullen this week is impersonating a country deacon who has betting tendencies and comes to New York to see the races. His wife—Miss Winsbell—has a weakness for faith likewise her pin money on the Giants. The villian, Andrew Burke, is played by Mr. Thorne and his accomplice—Charley Reid—by Mr. Lewis. Mr Bittner is the typical Arizona sheriff with the brusque, hearty manner and a brace of six-shooters always ready for business. Miss Lovell is winsome as Mary Lawton and Miss Holden equally so as Jessie Deans. The advance sale for the week is large and the indications are that the company will repeat its success of last week.

Doctor—Did your visit to the seaside have the desired effect, madam?

Mrs. Fullpurse—Oh, yes, doctor, both my daughters are married.

ANOTHER MAN MISSING

Information Is Wanted Concerning Frank C. Garrison.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 31, 1901.
Editor Klondike Nugget:

Dear Sir—Inquiries have reached this office respecting one Frank C. Garrison, who is supposed to have gone to Klondike. He is a man about 45 years of age, large and well built. He is from Missouri, from which place his nephew writes concerning him. If you could kindly put a paragraph in the paper it might lead to his being discovered. His friends are very anxious concerning him. Yours truly,

E. E. GOSNELL,
Secretary Bureau Provincial Information.

A Little Tale From the Persian.

There was a young man who loved a beautiful maiden, but he was poor. One day he asked her to be his wife, and she answered:

"I love you. Still, I do not wish to be a poor man's wife. Go and get money and then return and we will live happily ever after."

The young man went away and ere long began to sway the markets. He made millions and still more millions and the maiden waited.

When the man had ten millions, he wanted to outshine one who had fifty millions, and when that wish was gratified he longed for a hundred millions, then he yearned for two hundred millions, and at last he set a billion up as the amount he wished to accumulate.

When one day in those parts a certain old maid lay dying, she said:

"There's no use expecting a hog to keep his mind on anything else after he gets his feet in the trough."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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